Grant-in-aid to NGOs

1312. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1339 given the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2005 and state:

(a) the names of the four organizations receiving grant-in-aid for running old age homes;

(b) the names of the representatives of the reputed Non-Government Organization in the screening committee;

(c) whether the Pragathi Voluntary Organisation, Malkajgiri, Ranga Reddy District, Andhra Pradesh which is also running the old age home actively has applied, for continuation of grant-in-aid for the years 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 and till now has not been given any grant-in-aid, if so, the reasons for the discrimination; and

(d) the steps Government would take to remove this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The names of the four organizations receiving grant-in-aid for running old age homes in Ranga Reddy District of Andhra Pradesh are as under:

(i) Golden Environmental Educational Technical Health & Agriculture Society.

(ii) St. Anthony's Educational Society.

(iii) Venkateswara Social Service Association.

(iv) Oldage Welfare Centre.

(b) The names of the representatives of the reputed Non-Government Organizations in the Screening Committee constituted for Social Defence Division for the years 2004 to 2006 are as follows:

(i) Shri Rajesh Kumar, Executive Director, Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses, Delhi.

(ii) Ms. Vandana Kandhari, Child Relief and You (CRY), Delhi.

(c) and (d) The sanction of grant-in-aid depends upon the receipt of complete documents, availability of funds and recommendations of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. As per the current policy, no new project is sanctioned for a district where two or

more projects are already functioning. No discrimination is done in this regard.

Schedule Caste status to Bengali community in Uttaranchal

1313. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI BRINDRA KARAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Schedule Caste status was granted to Namasudra, Pod and Majhi Castes within Bengali community who had migrated to Orissa;

(b) if so, the reason why ethnographic details is being sought again for them from Uttaranchal Government by the Registrar General of India;

(c) whether the State Government has furnished the details as sought by RGI; and

(d) if not, the pro-active steps taken by Government to give effect to the proposal to include the above communities as SC, as recommended by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, as amended from time to time, only 'Namasudra' has been included in the list of Scheduled Castes in Orissa.

(b) Since in accordance with Article 341(1) of the Constitution, the list of Scheduled Castes are State/Union Territory specific, therefore, the ethnographic information has been sought from Government of Uttaranchal to ascertain whether these communities fulfill the criteria followed for specification of a community as a Scheduled Caste.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The appropriate action is taken as per the approved modalities.

National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities

1314. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether term of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities has been increased; and